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TO USLO PEKING

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TO: AMBASSADOR GEORGE HUSH
USLO PEKING

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. PLEASE REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
CH'IAO AND CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

2. THE U.S. SIDE HAS RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED THE
CHINESE SIDE'S REPLY OF NOVEMBER 4 TO OUR MESSAGE
OF NOVEMBER 1. REGARDING THE DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, THE
TWO SIDES HAVE NOW FULLY EXCHANGED VIEWS AND UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER'S POSITION. WE CAN FURTHER EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS
MATTER BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF
AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, THE U.S.
SIDE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE PRECISE DATE OF AN
ANNOUNCEMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE EXCEPT TO MAKE
POSSIBLE PROPERLY PLANNING FOR THE VISIT. THE LAST
POSSIBLE DATE IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE NOVEMBER 13,
SINCE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE LEAVING FOR EUROPE THE
NEXT DAY. THIS IS ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE
PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON FOR PEKING.

4. ASSUMING THIS DATE IS AGREEABLE TO THE CHINESE

***** WASH COMMENT *****

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SIDE, WE WOULD MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT NOON WASHINGTON
TIME ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AND USE THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT PRESIDENT GERALD R.
FORD OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL
VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 1975.

5. IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH OUR PLANNING, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE HAVING BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 CONFIRMATION
OF AGREEMENT ON THE DATE OF NOVEMBER 13 FOR ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE VISIT.

6. REGARDING THE CHINESE SIDE'S SUGGESTION THAT THE
ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 16, THE U.S. SIDE
WOULD PREFER THAT THE PARTY ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 19
AND REMAIN IN PEKING UNTIL THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL.
IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO THE CHINESE SIDE, WE WILL
PROVIDE DETAILS OF OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADVANCE
PARTY AT A LATER DATE.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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